

DATE: April 14, 2005
TO: County Emergency Management Directors
FROM: Margie Welsh, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Coordinator
SUBJECT: Course Recruitment: CERT Basic

The Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management with the Ho-Chunk Nation will sponsor the course entitled Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on August 12-14, 2005 at The Rainbow Casino, Nekoosa, Wisconsin. The course will begin on Friday, August 12 and run from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday it runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dress is casual.

The CERT concept was initially developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department to provide the citizens of Los Angeles with basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills in the event of an earthquake. The training program proved to be so beneficial that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopted the program and expanded the CERT materials to make them applicable to all hazards. The primary reason for CERT training is to provide citizens with the skills to take care of themselves, their families, and their neighbors following a disaster, until first responders can arrive. CERT training covers disaster preparedness, fire safety, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and team operations.

If you travel 50-miles or more, one way, and do not wish to commute, we will make reservations for you at The Mead Hotel in Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Emergency Management will cover lodging costs (*for those traveling 50-miles or more*); however meals, the cost of travel and any other incidentals associated with your stay will be a local responsibility. Registrants will receive a letter of confirmation approximately one month prior to the start of the course.

Please have prospective participants complete the attached registration form, and return it to Margie Welsh by fax to (608) 242-3249 or mail to P.O. Box 7865, Madison WI 53707-7865 no later than **July 12, 2005.**

Thank you for helping us bring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to Wisconsin communities. For more information about CERT training, visit www.citizencorps.gov, or contact Margie Welsh at (608) 242-3222.

Encl: Registration Form

Cc: WEM Management Staff
Regional Offices
Regional Response Teams
Fred Camacho

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

August 12-14, 2005
RAINBOW CASINO, NEKOOSA, WI

Please complete the information below and FAX it to Margie Welsh at 608-242-3249 by July 12, 2005 . (Reproduce this sheet locally for additional people.)

Please Print Clearly

NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

TITLE _____ AGENCY _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

(must provide for registration)

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

WORK PHONE # _____ FAX #: _____ E-MAIL _____

*State Privacy Provision Authorization: Wisc Stats 166.03 and E.O. 9397.
Disclosure: Disclosure of personal information is voluntary; however,
nondisclosure may result in delay in processing your application. Secondary
Purpose: In accordance with Wisconsin Privacy Provision 15.04(m) Wisc
Stats, the personal information you provide may be used for purposes other
than for which it was collected.*

LODGING INFORMATION

_____ I live within 50 Miles, and do not need a room.

_____ I live over 50 miles away; please reserve a room on the following night(s):

(PLEASE CIRCLE THE NIGHTS THAT YOU NEED A ROOM)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005

Do you require a smoking room: _____ Yes _____ No

Do you require any special accommodations for a physical disability? _____ Yes _____ No